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TAGS: PINS, AF
SUBJECT: AFGHAN COUP - KING IN ITALY
DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS KABUL

REF: KABUL 5197 ✓

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED COUP WITH RESPONSIBLE FONMIM OFFICIAL WHO WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFO CONTAINED REFTEL AS MINISTRY HAS HAD TO RELY ON NEWS REPORTING UP TO THIS POINT.

2. OFFICIAL STATED THAT KING ZAHIR SHAH IS VACATIONING ON ISLAND OF ISCHIA NEAR NAPLES AND THAT AFGHAN AMBASSADOR (AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER) ESTEMADI HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FONMIM FOR LATEST DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT TO KING. FACT THAT KING ON ISCHIA BEING HELD CLOSELY BY ITALIANS TO PROTECT HIM FROM NEWSMEN.

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3. ETEMADI ALSO INDICATED TO FONOFF OFFICIAL THAT HE INTENDED TO CONTACT THIS EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION ON CURRENT SITUATION. IF CONTACT MADE, WE PLAN TO PASS HIGHLIGHTS OF REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL. IF DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER OTHERWISE, PLEASE ADVISE. VOLPE

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